Reopening the Consulate of China

54. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2317 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1988 and state what is present position regarding re-establishment of Consulate-General in India by China?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): The position remains unchanged.

Proposal of Andhra Pradesh for Development of off-Shore Road

55. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whater a proposal from the Andhra Pradesh Governemnt for the development of off-shore road on the Eastern Coast connecting various places in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Orissa is pending with Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a meeting between the Minister for Surface Transport and the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh took place recently; and

(d) by when the construction of this road is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Acquisition of aircraft by Indian Airlines and Air India

56. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of aircrafts to be acquired by Indian Airlines and Air India during 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993; and

(b) whether Government have made a detailed assessment of the need of number of flights and frequency and for the coming ten years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Indian Airlines will receive 19 airbus A-320 aircraft during 1989-90. Indian Airlines also proposes to acquire 12 Airbus A-320 aircraft during 1990-1991. Indian Airlines has projected the need to acquire 33 aircraft of various dimensions beyond 1990-1991 and till the end of the 8th Five Year Plan.

Air India has sent a proposal to Government for acquisition of 2 Airbus A-310-300 aircraft during 1990. Air India has also drawn up a detailed integrated plan till 1995-96 which is at present before its Board for consideration. According to the study made by the sub-Committee of the Board, Air-India would need 12 aircraft upto the mid 1990s.

(b) The Tata Committee has done studies on the requirement of the capacity in coming ten years and report in this respect is available with the Government.

Policy regarding acquisition of vessels

57. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state·

(a) what is the Government's policy to allow acquisition of vessels;

(b) whether Government are allowing